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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 17, 19, 20 and 22 are hereby amended. Claims 2, 15 and 16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amendments of claims 1 and 22 are supported by the subject matter of claims 15 and 16. Editorial revisions have been made in claims 17, 10 and 20.

As claim 16 was indicated to be allowable and has been included in the independent claims, the prior art issues raised in the Office Action are moot. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejections.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455-3804.

Dated: December 9, 2005



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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas P. Mueller".

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